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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE FOR MOROCCO

REF: A. AMMAN 687; B. AMMAN 689; C. AMMAN 699;

D. TEHRAN 1267; E. STATE 201455 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD ARE GIVING URGENT CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSALS FOR ARMS AND AIRCRAFT TRANSFERS TO MOROCCO FROM JORDAN AND IRAN, AND EMBASSY WILL RECEIVE INFO COPIES OF DEPARTMENT RESPONSES TO AMMAN AND TEHRAN.

2. FOLLOWING APPROVALS WILL BE GRANTED FOR TRANSFERS AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AND US STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

A. IMMEDIATE TRANSFER TO MOROCCO FROM JORDAN OF 36 106 MM

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RECOILLESS RIFLES.

B. TRANSFER TO MOROCCO FROM IRAN OF 16 155 MM HOWITZERS
AND AMMUNITION THROUGH JORDAN.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED EMBASSIES AMMAN AND TEHRAN TO
DISCUSS WITH GOI AND GOJ PRACTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN
TRANSFERRING F-5A'S TO MOROCCO. THESE INCLUDE TIME
REQUIRED TO CONDITION PLANES FOR FERRYING, OR, ALTERNATIVE-
LY TO DISASSEMBLE THEM, PREPARE THEM FOR SEA SHIPMENT
AND REASSEMBLE THEM IN MOROCCO. IF PLANES ARE TO BE
FERRIED (WHICH SEEMS MOST PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY) TRANSIT,
LANDING AND REFUELING PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM
GREECE, ITALY AND SPAIN. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT
REQUESTS TO THOSE STATES FOR SUCH PERMISSION.

4. ACCORDING TO REFS A AND B, GOM HAS INDICATED TO GOJ
WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT 20 F-5A'S NOW IN TRADE-OFF FOR
EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF HIGHER PERFORMANCE F-5E'S FROM
FUTURE DELIVERIES DESTINED FOR MOROCCO. IN MAKING HIS
OFFER, GOJ MAY NOT HAVE REALIZED THAT EARLIEST POSSIBLE
DELIVERIES OF F-5E'S TO MOROCCO WOULD BE LATE 1977. ALSO,
COST DIFFERENTIAL IS IMPORTANT FACTOR (F-5A'S VALUED AT
ABOUT 200,000 DOLLARS EACH; F-5E'S AT APPROXIMATELY
3 MILLION DOLLARS APIECE). IF GOM RAISES THIS QUESTION,
YOU WILL WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT USG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT
HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COVER COST DIFFERENTIAL.

5. ONCE GOM MAKES DECISIONS TO ACCEPT TRANSFERS OF ANY FMS
ITEMS AND BEFORE DEPARTMENT CAN GIVE FINAL CONSENT TO
TRANSFER, WE MUST, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3(A) OF FOREIGN
MILITARY SALES ACT (FMSA), AS AMENDED, NOTIFY CONGRESS IN
ADVANCE OF PROPOSED TRANSFER, INCLUDING ITEMS AND
COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND JUSTIFICATION THEREOF. IN
ADDITION, FMSA REQUIRES US, ALSO IN ADVANCE, TO OBTAIN
WRITTEN ASSURANCES FROM GOM AGAINST FURTHER TRANSFER TO
ANOTHER RECIPIENT OF ITEMS IN QUESTION. GOM STATEMENT
SHOULD BE ALONG LINES OF STANDARD TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE:
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
MOROCCO PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE
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ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO OF (BLANK) FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
JORDAN. THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO UNDERSTANDS THAT SINCE
THESE (BLANK) WERE SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN UNDER
FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES, THE CONSUMMATION OF
THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE SALE FROM
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS

THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND REGULATIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO

HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE (BLANK) WHICH IT PROPOSES TO PURCHASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES (FORMAL CLOSE) END QUOTE.

6. YOU SHOULD ADVISE GOM THAT WE ARE RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTIONS FROM GOI AND GOJ OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS IN THEIR INVENTORIES WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO MOROCCO AND THAT WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS TO DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS THE TRANSFER PROPOSALS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE GOM THAT WE ARE GIVING SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THE PROBLEMS OF TRANSPORTING THE ITEMS IN QUESTION TO MOROCCO. OUR THINKING AT THIS TIME IS THAT BEST THING WOULD BE TO USE AIRLIFT CAPABILITY AVAILABLE IN AREA (E.G., IRANIAN, SAUDI, JORDANIAN AND MOROCCAN C-130'S) OR SEABORNE CAPABILITY AVAILABLE IN AREA. ADDITIONALLY IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO GOM THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CURRENT CONDITION OF THE EQUIPMENT TO BE TRANSFERRED MUST NECESSARILY REST WITH ORIGINATING COUNTRIES--I.E., JORDAN AND IRAN.

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YOU SHOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE TO THE GOM THAT TIME PERIOD FOR REPLACEMENTS TO THE GOJ OR GOI FOR MOST ITEMS ON GOM PROCUREMENT LIST MAY RANGE FROM 20 TO 48 MONTHS BECAUSE OF LENGTHY PRODUCTION LEAD TIMES, AND THAT REPLACEMENT COSTS WILL SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEED THE ORIGINAL COSTS TO THE GOJ AND GOI.

7. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOM IMMEDIATELY OF PROPOSED FAVORABLE DECISIONS ON IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF 16 HOWITZERS AND AMMO FROM IRAN AND OF 36 106MM RIFLES FROM JORDAN. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM DEPARTMENT OF RESULTS DISCUSSION OF OTHER TRANSFER POSSIBILITIES AND GOM REACTIONS. INGERSOLL

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